

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	:	Attorney Docket No. 2005_2019A
Masao IENO et al.	:	Confirmation No. 3272
Serial No. 10/563,633	:	Group Art Unit 1619
Filed January 6, 2006	:	Examiner Garen Gotfredson
SUSTAINED-RELEASE POLYMER FOR AMINO ACID DERIVATIVE, COSMETIC AND FIBER STRUCTURE CONTAINING THE SAME AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING AND FOR REGENERATING THE SAME	:	Mail Stop: AF

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action of March 18, 2011, Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakashima et al. (US 7,273,501, hereinafter “Nakashima”) in view of Nomura et al. (Japanese Patent Abstract of Publication No. 08-060547, hereinafter “Nomura”) and the rejection of claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakashima in view of Nomura, and further in view of Hirose et al. (Japanese Patent Abstract of Publication No. 2002-013071, hereinafter “Hirose”). Applicants again respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicants note that the basis of the Examiner’s rejections is identical to that previously set forth in the Office Action of October 27, 2010. In the Response to Applicants’ Arguments section of the Office Action, the Examiner has argued that “one of ordinary skill would have had